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SUBJ: GATT ARTICLE XVIII NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRAZIL

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1. CHARGE WAS CALLED INTO MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY
SECRETARY GENERAL DIARIO CASTRO ALVES MAY 5 CONCERNING
DEMARCHE MADE BY EMBOFFS EARLIER IN THE DAY WITH RESPECT
TO GATT ART XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS (DEMARCHE, REPORTED IN
SECOND REFTEL, FOLLOWED CLOSELY INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED
FIRST REFTEL). CASTRO ALVES SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED
BY FOREIGN MINISTER TO INFORM USG THAT GOB WAS UNPLEASANTLY
SURPRISED AT "GRAVE AND THREATENING TONE" OF DEMARCHE. HE
NOTED THAT PARTICIPATION OF US IN BRAZILIAN IMPORTS HAS BEEN
KEPT STEADY IN RECENT YEARS, DESPITE OVERALL INCREASE IN
BRAZILIAN FOREIGN TRADE AND HEAVY INCREASE IN BRAZILIAN
PETROLEUM PURCHASES. BRAZIL, CASTRO ALVES SAID, "HAS THE
LEGAL INSTRUMENTS NECESSARY TO RETALIATE," BUT NEVER CONSIDERED
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USING THEM IN THE MTN'S.

2. CHARGE REPLIED THAT US DEMARCHE NOT INTENDED AS THREAT,
BUT RATHER AS INDICATION OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO
BRAZILIAN MOVEMENT IN ART XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS.

3. COMMENT: ON RECENT OCCASIONS, SUCH AS ON INFORMAL

ENCOUNTERS DURING VISIT OF COMMISSIONER ABLONDI, EMBOFFS HAVE
DETECTED CONSIDERABLE GOB SENSITIVITY AND EVEN EMOTIONALISM
CONCRNING US ATTITUDES TOWARD BRAZIL'S ROLE IN MTN. GIST OF
BRAZILIAN VIEW, AS EXPRESSED TO US, IS THAT (1) US IS SEEKING
TO LIMIT BRAZIL'S FREEDOM OF ACTION, WHICH BRAZIL VIEWS AS
KEY ISSUE IN NEGOTIATIONS, (2) US EXAGGERATES BRAZIL'S STATE
OF DEVELOPMENT AND TREATS BRAZIL AS A MAJOR WORLD TRADING
POWER, WHICH IT IS NOT, (3) US VIEW GIVES INSUFFICIENT RECOG-
NITION TO INABILITY OF MUCH OF BRAZILIAN INDUSTRY TO COMPETE
AND TO SERIOUSNESS OF BRAZIL'S BOP PROBLEM.
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